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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF :
TABLETS BY PRESSING AND TABLETS :
PRODUCED BY THE METHOD :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

11. A method of producing a tablet including live bacteria comprising the steps:

a) mixing at least one strain of said live bacteria with at least one [fructose-containing saccharide] fructose oligosaccharide to form a mixture,

b) pressing said mixture into a tablet employing a force sufficient to form said tablet while maintaining [high] at least about 60% viability of said bacteria.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said [fructose-containing saccharide] fructose oligosaccharide [are] is present in an amount of about 40-99.5% by weight of said tablet.

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